(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the districts which have so far been covered?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (f). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Train Services Between Bangalore and Ahmedabad

2965 SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any train running between Bangalore-Ahmedabad via Hubli;

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to run a train at least once in a week on the above route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Aircrafts

2966 SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is unable to operate fully its flights due to shortage of aircrafts;

(b) whether some routes of operation touching various important Industrial stations in UP have been closed down or are proposed to be closed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Indian Airlines has received a number of requests for operating these flights in such important Industrial towns;

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(f) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Indian Airlines operations to Kanpur, Gorakhpur and Allahabad were withdrawn w.e.f. 20th May, 1992.

(d) and (e). Requests have been received for resumption of air services to Allahabad, Gorakhpur and kanpur.

(f) Due to commercial and operational constraints, Indian Airlines has no plans, at present, to resume operations to these stations. However, private operators are encouraged to add new stations including Kanpur, Allahabad and Gorakhpur.

[Translation]

Products of Bokaro Steel Plant

2967. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets fixed by SAIL for products of the Bokaro Steel Plant have been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years end the current year, so far, product-wise;

(c) whether the sale of these products was achieved as per the fixed targets during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the quantum of pig-iron produced during the last three years and the places where the same iron has been consumed alongwith quantum thereof; and

(f) the details of the revenue earned from the sale of pig-iron during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Replacement of old Railway Tracks

2968. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on the replacement of old Railway tracks of Northern and North-Eastern Railway during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on converting metre gauge lines into broad gauge during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Gross amount spent under the Plan Head Track Renewal during the relevant years on these Railways was as under :-

(Rs in Crores)

	Northern	North-Eastern
1993-94	239.16	84.19
1994-95	194.01	53.41
1995-96	226.94	53.95

(b) Gross expenditure incurred under the Plan Head 'Gauge Conversion' During the relevant years on these Railway was as under :-

(Rs in Crores)

	Northern	North-Eastern
1993-94	189.55	41.20
1994-95	195.05	128.49
1995-96	38.59	162.46